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SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS AND THE CARTER INAUGURATION

REF: (A) MANILA 19641; (B) STATE 290935

1. DEC 23 DAILY EXPRESS ARTICLE BY-LINED BY RODOLFO TUPAS (GOP AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO LIBYA) CARRIED STORY ON RECENT NEW YORK TIMES TREATMENT OF US ASSISTANCE AND BASE NEGOTIATIONS. CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH READS: QUOTE IT WAS DISQUIETING HOW THE NEW YORK TIMES INSISTED ON THE USE OF THE WORD AID INSTEAD OF RENTAL. THE FIRST LADY MADE THIS CLARIFICATION IN HER TALKS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS ON SEPARATE OCCASION (SIC). SHE HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE CARTER INAUGURATION IN JANUARY AND THIS WILL PROVIDE HER ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THE PHILIPPINE POSITION ON MILITARY BASES IN BEHALF OF PRESIDENT MARCOS. END QUOTE.

2. WHILE WE STILL HAVE NO REPORT ON MRS. MARCOS' ALLEGED CONTACTS WITH INCOMING OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT-ELECT'S ADMINISTRATION (AS REQUESTED REFTEL A), GUIDELINES PROVIDED REFTEL B STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THERE NO INVITATION. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT INVITATION STORY MAY HAVE BEEN SURFACED IN EXPECTATION USG WOULD BE  
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RELUCTANT EMBARRASS MRS. MARCOS IF SHE INSISTED ON ATTENDING INAUGURATION.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL MRS. MARCOS ATTEMPTED INVITE HERSELF TO NIXON INAUGURATION IN 1968, AND TO DEDICATION OF SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE WHERE SHE MADE EFFORT UPSTAGE THE QUEEN.

SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAY WISH (A) INFORM PHIL EMBASSY OF EXPRESS  
STORY, (B) REITERATE GUIDANCE REFTEL B, AND (C) URGE PHIL EMBASSY  
TO IMPRESS ON DFA THAT WE ANTICIPATE AMBASSADOR AND MRS.  
EDUARDO ROMUALDEZ WILL BE GOP REPRESENTATIVES AT INAUGURATION.  
DEPARTMENT MAY READ THIS SUGGESTION AS UNWILLINGNESS  
BELL CAT IN MANILA, BUT WE BELIEVE INITIAL INFORMAL APPROACH  
ON THIS QUESTION MORE APPROPRIATE IN WASHINGTON.  
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